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To clarify procedure for employing personnel to work on the rehabilitation and remodeling program at the KOW unit of the Joliet arsenal, authorities there issued a statement today.

Employment was scheduled to get under way several days ago, but because of unforeseen difficulties in fixing of wage rates those who inquired at the personnel office were told that there would be no hiring for some time and that a notice would be issued concerning the employment procedures.

"Thomas Reed and Son, Joliet concern awarded the sub-contract for the work, is expected to hire some 50 workers Monday at the employment office, Gate 7, Building 709-1 of the KOW unit," officials reported today.

"HOWEVER, the men to be employed will be referred for employment by the Building Trades council of Will county. Reed and Son, subcontractor on the reactivation and rehabilitation program in the acid area, will hire the employees and no hiring will be done by the DuPont company, contractors for the project.

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quired for the job. It is expected that 250 craftsmen will be needed by the time peak employment is reached. Because the Building Trades council will furnish all the craftsmen, no other persons need report.

"This agreement has been worked out by the various organizations concerned and is believed to be the best plan to expedite hiring of craftsmen," the officials further stated.

"THE EFFICIENCY of the KOW unit of the Joliet arsenal is extremely important as success of the entire fertilizer program depends on ability of each individual installation to do its part in meeting requirement schedule," it was added. "The was department is co-ordinating this program with various government installations to the best of its ability in order that one plant may not have to be shut down because of another plant's inability to meet schedules, and to speed shipment of fertilizer to areas and countries badly in need of the ammonium nitrate product for furtherance of food programs."